

Scaling Network Lead Entities Grantee Profile
Network Name: Beacon Community Connections



Grant Goal:

Beacon Community Connections (Beacon) will serve as the network lead entity (NLE) as it operationalizes its current non-clinical case management operating structure into the VIA network, Louisiana’s comprehensive community integrated health network (CIHN). Through this grant, Beacon will develop and direct a formal, expandable, and sustainable CIHN to improve access functions that align healthcare and social services to address social determinants of health needs for anyone in need, particularly older adults and people with disabilities.

Grant Partners:

- 232-HELP
- 3 Circle Solutions
- Acadiana Area Human Services District
- Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness and Housing
- Cajun Area Agency on Aging
- Hospice of Acadiana
- Lafayette City Marshal’s Office
- Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office
- Louisiana Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs
- Louisiana Governor’s Office on Elderly Affairs
- Louisiana’s Office of Aging and Adult Services
- Louisiana’s Rehabilitation Services
- Ochsner Lafayette General
- Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Statewide Independent Living Council
- Unite Us
- United Way of Acadiana

Grant Summary:

Beacon is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to collaborate with social service organizations, criminal justice agencies, healthcare providers, and other organizations to improve community well-being, particularly for older adults and people with disabilities.

As the NLE, Beacon has established an informal CIHN, referred to as the VIA network, over the eight parishes in the South Louisiana region of Acadiana. The VIA network will be governed through a network advisory council comprised of healthcare administrators, community-based organization leadership, and community stakeholders. Beacon provides many of the access functions of a broader No Wrong System (NWD) system or collaborates with the appropriate entities to complete the functions regionally as part of a statewide NWD system. Through this grant, the VIA network will deepen and expand its partner relationships to provide comprehensive and effective long-term services and supports to allow older individuals and individuals with disabilities to remain in their community. Anticipated outcomes include executed network partnership agreements and contracts, financial model cost-benefit analyses and reports, up-to-date business plans, a network operations manual, network data audits, and comprehensive data integration plan.

Beacon has contractual relationships with both regional health systems as well as collaborative relationships with regional and state aging departments, healthcare organizations, social service agencies, and justice agencies to address the social determinants of health needs within the community.

Planned activities for NLE enhancement will focus on:

- Leadership
- Finance
- Business Development
- Network Development and Support
- Network Administration

Target Population:

Older adults and people with disabilities

Award:

\$290,223

Grant Objectives:

1. Operationalize the governance of the VIA CIHN network.
2. Complete a research, decision, and planning process to determine financial payment models.
3. Develop and update business plans for Beacon Community Connections and the VIA network.
4. Create an operations manual based upon an established workflow process.
5. Design and develop data integration plans and projects between network members.

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